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SUBJECT: OKINAWA GOVERNOR RAISES FUEL PIPELINE WITH USAGO

REF: NAH 395

1. THE RYUKYU SHIMPO SEPT 18 REPORTED A CALL BY OKINAWA GOVERNOR YARA ON USAGO, MG DAVID, SEPT 17 REGARDING THE MILITARY PIPELINE (REFTTEL). YARA NOTED THAT, HAVING BEEN LAID SOME 20 YEARS AGO, THE U.S. FORCES PIPELINE HAD DETERIORATED CONSIDERABLY AND ASKED THAT, SINCE PIPELINES RUN NEAR RESIDENTIAL AREAS, THEY BE REMOVED OR

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REPAIRED TO MEET CURRENT JAPANESE SAFETY STANDARDS FIXED BY LAW.

2. SH IMPO REPORTED THAT GENERAL DAVID DECLINED TO COMMENT ON REMOVAL BUT SAID GOVERNOR'S REQUEST WILL BE FORWARDED TO HIGHER AUTHORITY. DAVID ADDED THAT AN EXPERT TEAM WAS BEING SENT FROM U.S. TO INSPECT PIPELINE AND MAKE REPAIRS WHERE NECESSARY, NOTING THAT U.S. FORCES HAD PROVIDED THOROUGH SAFETY MEASURES IN PAST AND WOULD DO SO IN FUTURE. THE ARTICLE REPORTED DAVID SAID THAT IMPROVEMENT OF PIPELINE TO MEET JAPANESE SAFETY STANDARDS WAS MATTER FOR DISCUSS-

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ION BETWEEN USG AND GOJ, BUT PATROLMEN WERE CHECKING THE PIPELINE

TWICE A DAY AND HAD ALWAYS MADE REPAIRS WHEN NECESSARY.

3. COMMENT: AS NOTED REFTTEL, PIPELINE HAS NOW BEEN ADDED TO LEFTIST CATALOGUE OF EVILS OF U.S. BASE SYSTEM. IN SAME CALL ON GENERAL DAVID, YARA ALSO RAISED DROPPING OF PRACTICE NUCLEAR BOMBS AT IE SHIMA RANGE AND RIF PROBLEMS. HOPEFULLY GENERAL DAVID'S FORTHCOMING RESPONSE TO YARA WILL HELP KEEP HEAT ON PIPELINE ISSUE DOWN.

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